PQM 103
Defense Specification Management

Defense Specification Management covers DoD policies and procedures for the development, management, and use of nongovernment standards, commercial item descriptions, and specifications and standards. Emphasis is placed on interoperability, market research, use of commercial/nondevelopmental item alternatives, use of performance specifications, International Standardization Agreements, and the Single Process Initiative.

Objectives: Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- use DoD policy for stating performance-based requirements;
- develop requirements documents that promote the use of commercial products and practices;
- use market research in creating new documents and revising existing documents that support acquisitions;
- apply DoD policy in managing standardization documents; and
- develop and apply standardization documents to meet essential user needs as best value to the government.

Who Should Attend: This assignment-specific course is designed for DoD acquisition personnel actively involved in the development or management of specifications and standards, handbooks, commercial item descriptions, or nongovernment standards.

Prerequisite: None

Recommended: ACQ 101

Length: 8½ class days

Method of Delivery: Resident/Local

PDS Code: BAP

PQM 104
Specification Selection and Application

The Specification Selection and Application course provides instruction on the appropriate selection and correct application of nongovernmental standards, commercial item descriptions, specifications and standards, and related documents in the acquisition process. Emphasis is placed on current acquisition initiatives, such as interoperability and the proper use of standardization documents.

Objectives: Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- apply DoD objectives, policies, and procedures for the proper use of standardization documents;
- make well-informed standardization decisions using a variety of automated tools and decision-tree techniques; and
- identify, locate, and obtain standardization documents.

Who Should Attend: This assignment-specific course is designed for personnel who are involved in setting requirements and making standardization decisions or for those who use specifications and standards but are not actively involved in the development or management of requirements documentation.

Prerequisite: None

Length: 2 class days

Method of Delivery: Resident/Local

PDS Code: PGH